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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 15 MAY 2006

VIA FACSIMILE M/S Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir.

This letter is submitted as a complete reply to the Office action dated 15 May 2006, for which a three month time for response was provided. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed without extension of time. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2, and the Remarks beginning on page 12.

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